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perhaps, making these renovations cost-prohibitive. Senator Friend, when you were talking earlier, you were indicating that the city of Omaha already does these exemptions and so forth. But isn't current law, the blanket exemption is in place currently? Your bill removes the blanket exemption, is that correct?

SENATOR FRIEND: That's correct. If...and if you'd like me to elaborate, I will. The state requires, Senator, that Nebraska, as far as its energy code, adheres to the 1983 Midwest Energy Code. But the point was, and what I was discussing earlier, Omaha has moved, and Lincoln, and a lot of other jurisdictions, have moved far beyond that 1983 Midwest Energy Code. That was...I mean, you can't even hardly build to the Midwest Energy Code. I mean, there's...the stuff that was being manufactured back then is not even being manufactured anymore. So that was the point.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: I understand that, Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Right.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: And thank you for that information. Now I would like to understand the logistics and the mechanics then. If the authority...if we lift the blanket exemption, the authority to exempt, from your code, from the 2003 standards, we'll be left to the localities, to the local municipalities,...

SENATOR FRIEND: I...

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: ...for exemptions.

SENATOR FRIEND: I think that's a fair statement, except for the fact that the state is taking a...if you will, providing a guide...a counseling, educational resource role, which they have none now. I mean, the state is working with local jurisdictions in order to create some streamlining processes as far as these energy codes are concerned. So does that answer your question, or...?

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Yes. Specifically, in your bill, it's